

## GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

# MEDIA ALERT

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## TRAFFIC SPLITS ON TOCCOA BYPASS/SR 17 WIDENING PROJECT NEXT WEEK

**WHEN:** Tuesday, September 22 if weather permits

**WHERE:** State Route 17, the Toccoa Bypass widening project is scheduled to split traffic next week. Traffic will be split so that it will utilize the newly constructed lanes and have traffic running in each direction split by the median. The split will move northbound and southbound traffic to its respective side of the median on the full length of the project.

**WHAT:** Both northbound lanes will be open for use once traffic is split. Only one southbound lane will be available for use until the final paving is completed. Lane closures and delays are expected over the next month as the top layer of asphalt is laid. Final asphalt work and lane closures will occur weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. as weather permits.

Wet weather tomorrow or Monday could delay the planned traffic shift. The overall widening project from SR 184 to SR 17 is on schedule for its January 18, 2010 completion date at a construction cost of \$22.6 million.

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